

# **Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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## **Abbreviated Notice**

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING  
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 17-700, "HEALTHY DC ACT OF 2008"**

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008, 10:30 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500  
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 17-700, the "Healthy DC Act of 2008." The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. An abbreviated notice is given to comply with Council Rule 501(a)(2).

Bill 17-700, introduced by Councilmembers Catania, Evans, Alexander, Wells, Mendelson, Brown, Cheh, and Thomas and Chairman Gray, would establish the Healthy DC Program; require District residents maintain health insurance coverage; increase Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates; amend the Healthy DC Fund to allow for additional revenue to be deposited; require health maintenance organizations to pay a premium tax; increase the cigarette tax and to raise the premium tax imposed on health insurers in the District; and, require that all products on the individual health insurance market be guaranteed issue and community rated.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to register by telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 202-724-8196, or by e-mail at [alatta@dccouncil.dc.us](mailto:alatta@dccouncil.dc.us), and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by April 30, 2008. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004.

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Finance and Revenue  
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

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**ABBREVIATED**

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008";  
Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008"; and  
Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008"**

**Thursday, May 8, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008"; Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008"; and Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008". The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008", was introduced by Chairman Vincent Gray at the request of the Mayor. It would authorize the Mayor to issue District of Columbia revenue bonds secured by tax increment revenues, payments in lieu of taxes, and special assessments generated by or related to the Southwest Waterfront redevelopment project. Proceeds of the bonds would be used to invest in much-needed infrastructure and public amenities, such as parks or a promenade, contribute to site acquisition costs, and contribute to related financing costs.

Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008", was introduced by Chairman Vincent Gray at the request of the Mayor. It would cap, for a period of 20 years, the real property taxes imposed on the real property located at Square 673, Lot 837 – which is the future site of the new headquarters of National Public Radio, on the 1100 block of North Capitol Street, N.W. The real property taxes would be capped at the amount of taxes imposed on the property for tax year 2008. The legislation would further limit the increase in the real property taxes and vault fees imposed on the current headquarters of NPR, located on Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., to an annual increase of no more than 3% until NPR vacates that building. According to the Mayor's transmittal letter: "because of the financial incentive

provided by the legislation, NPR has committed to build a new 400,000 SF headquarters building on North Capitol Street in the emerging NoMA neighborhood. NPR's commitment to remain in the District will lead to the retention of hundreds of job opportunities for District residents and will help further catalyze the redevelopment of NoMA".

Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008", was introduced by Councilmember Jack Evans, and would amend the Downtown Business Improvement District to reflect the current BID tax rate on commercial properties and change the rate imposed on hotels.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the public hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Sarina Loy, Committee Assistant at (202) 724-8058 or [sloy@dccouncil.us](mailto:sloy@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by the close of business on Tuesday, April 6, 2008. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [sloy@dccouncil.us](mailto:sloy@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004. The hearing record will close ten days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline. This hearing notice has been abbreviated for public notification.

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

**1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

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**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC**  
**HEARING**

**on**

**Bill 17-111, the "Hot Spot No Loitering Zone Amendment Act of 2008"**

**on**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 17-111, the "Hot Spot No Loitering Zone Amendment Act of 2008". The public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 17-111 is to amend the Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996 to require the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department to declare a "Hot Spot No Loitering Zone," and to prohibit the congregation of two or more persons on any public space on public property, within an area currently designated as a Hot Spot, for the purpose of participating in the use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs, within the perimeter of the Hot Spot No Loitering Zone.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Heidi Tseu, Committee Clerk, at (202) 724-8038, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at [htseu@dccouncil.us](mailto:htseu@dccouncil.us), and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Friday, June 6, 2008. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Friday, June 6, 2008 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Tseu, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 17-579, the "Fairness In Foreclosure Act of 2008"**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008  
10:00 A.M.**

**John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Council Chamber**

On Wednesday, June 18, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, will hold a public hearing on Bill 17-579, the "Fairness In Foreclosure Act of 2008." Bill 17-579 would make the District a quasi-judicial foreclosure jurisdiction. The public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin at 724-8062 or via email at [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us). All public witnesses will be permitted three (3) minutes for oral presentation, and all witnesses representing groups or organizations will have five (5) minutes.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

# **Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Oversight Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

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## **CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

### **YOUTH ISSUES**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008, 10:00 A.M.  
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on "Youth Issues" on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The purpose of the public oversight hearing is to hear from youth, aged 21 and under, on issues affecting their lives.

Persons aged 21 and younger who wish to testify are requested to contact the Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at (202) 724-8196 or by e-mail at [alatta@dccouncil.us](mailto:alatta@dccouncil.us), to sign up by close of business on Thursday, May 8, 2008. When registering to testify, persons should leave their name, telephone number, email and mailing addresses, and organization they are representing, if any. Each person presenting oral testimony may be limited to THREE (3) minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Witnesses testifying at the public hearing are requested to provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All written testimony should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004, or [alatta@dccouncil.us](mailto:alatta@dccouncil.us).

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations  
**RESCHEDULED - NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 111, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**RESCHEDULED**

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON**

**THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS AND THEIR PLANS  
FOR THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY ELECTION**

**THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations announces a Public Oversight Hearing on The Board of Elections and Ethics and their Plans for the September Primary Election.** The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber - Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This hearing has been scheduled to discuss the District's upcoming September primary and the Board's readiness to conduct an efficient election.

This hearing was originally scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., but because of scheduling conflicts at the Board of Elections and Ethics, we are rescheduling the hearing to accommodate board members and staff.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Blair Miles of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at [bmiles@dccouncil.us](mailto:bmiles@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Tuesday, July 8, 2008. E-mail contacts should include the full name, title, contact phone number and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation, provided that no more than two representatives will be allowed for any organization, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation. All written testimony will be included in the record in its entirety.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2008.